

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 are now pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended as disclosed throughout the original specification, for example on page 2, line 29 to page 3, line 1 and the original title. Claims 2 and 3 incorporate the steps of claim 1, adding further steps as disclosed throughout the original specification, for example in the Summary section, on page 11, lines 15-21, page 12, lines 19-21, page 13, line 25 to page 14, line 7, and the examples on pages 14 to 15.

The paragraph that was bridging pages 6 and 7 has been rewritten to avoid any misunderstanding that might arise from the  $R_3$  group of the structure appearing at the top of page 7 instead of being attached to the bottom of the structure as it was intended to be.

The paragraph on page 7 at line 12 was amended to remove the final word "carbons." This amendment conforms to the disclosure elsewhere in the specification, e.g., page 9, line 26.

The formulas on page 9 were corrected by inserting the methylene group. The formulas were also corrected by inserting a hydrogen on the carbon bearing the hydroxy group.


The title has been amended to conform to the subject matter of independent claim 1.

The Abstract has been rewritten to conform to the subject matter of the present claims

Examination of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if it would be helpful for resolving any issue.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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